

THIS REPORT CONTAINS ASSESSMENTS OF COMMODITY AND TRADE ISSUES MADE BY
USDA STAFF AND NOT NECESSARILY STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT
POLICY

Voluntary Public

Date: 5/13/2014

GAIN Report Number: CH 14022

China - Peoples Republic of

Post: Beijing

National Food Safety Standard Health Food as SPS N CHN 638

Report Categories:

FAIRS Subject Report

Approved By:

Michael Riedel

Prepared By:

M. Meador and Ma Jie

Report Highlights:

On March 11, 2014, China notified the WTO of National Food Safety Standard: Health Food as SPS/N/CHN/638. The standard applies to all kinds of health food. The deadline for submission of final comments to China is May 10, 2014. The proposed date of implementation is to be determined.

Comments can be sent to China's SPS Enquiry Point at sps@aqsiq.gov.cn.

This report is an INFORMAL translation of this document.

General Information:

BEGIN TRANSLATION

National Standard for Food Safety Health Foods

(Draft for Comments)

GB 16740 - xxxx

Foreword

This Standard is to replace General Standard for Health (Functional) Foods GB 16740-1997. Compared with GB 16740-1997, the main amendments are as follows:

- Amendment to the name of the Standard;
- Amendment to the Terms and Definitions;
- Deletion of the Product Categories;
- Deletion of the Basic Principles;
- Amendment to the Technical Requirements;
- Amendment to the Contaminant Limit;
- Amendment to the Microbial Limit;
- Amendment to the Labeling.

National Standard for Food Safety

Health Foods

1 Scope

This Standard sets forth the terms and definitions, technical requirements, net content, load or weight difference, and labeling of health foods. This Standard applies to all types of health foods.

2 Terms and Definitions

Health Foods

Foods which are claimed to have certain specific health functions or can supplement certain vitamins and/or minerals, and have been legitimately licensed for the same. In other words, the foods are suitable for certain people to help them improve body functions without the purpose of therapy, and will bring no acute, sub-acute or chronic harm to human body.

3 Technical Requirements

3.1 Raw and supplementary materials

The raw and supplemental materials for health foods must comply with the applicable food safety standards and / or applicable regulations.

3.2 Sensory requirements

Sensory indicators shall comply with the provisions of Table 1 below.

Table 1 Sensory Indicators

Items	Indicators	Testing Method
Color and Luster	Content, coat or shell has the color and luster attributed to the product	Take appropriate amount of sample and observe under natural light, and make examination by means of vision test, tasting and smelling.
Characters	Content, coat or shell has the form attributed to the product, and is complete, bright and clean without any adhesion, deformation or breakage	
Taste and Smell	Presenting with the taste and smell attributed to the product and without any foreign taste	
Impurities	No impurity is visible, either inside or on surface, to the naked eye.	

3.3 Contaminant Limit

Contaminant limit shall comply with the provisions of GB 2762 or, in case there is no such provisions of GB 2762, the provisions of Table 2 below.

Table 2 Contaminant Limit

Items	Indicators	Testing Method
Lead (Pb)/(mg/kg) ≤	2.0	GB 5009.12
Total Arsenic (As)/(mg/kg) ≤	1.0	GB/T 5009.11
Total Mercury (Hg)/(mg/kg) ≤	0.3	GB/T 5009.17
Note 1: Lead in tea bag ≤ 5.0 mg/kg. Note 2: Lead in oral solution ≤ 0.5 mg/kg, total arsenic ≤ 0.3 mg/kg. Note 3: Lead in health foods suitable for children and adolescents younger than 14 ≤ 0.3 mg/kg, lead in		

3.4 Fungal toxin limit

Fungal toxin limit shall comply with the provisions of GB 2761.

3.5 Limit for pesticide residue and veterinary drug residue

3.5.1 Limit for pesticide residue shall comply with the provisions of GB 2763, as well as other applicable state regulations and public announcements.

3.5.2 Limit for veterinary drug residue shall comply with the provisions of the applicable state regulations and public announcements.

3.6 Microbial Limit

Microbial limit shall comply with the provisions of the applicable national standard for food safety regarding corresponding products or, if no such national standard exists, the provisions of Table 3 below.

Table 3 Microbial Limit

Items	Limit		Testing Method
	Liquid Products	Solid or Semisolid Products	
Total Number of Bacterial Colonies CFU/g) ^a ≤	1000	30000	GB4789. 2
Coli Groups(MPN/g) ≤	4.3	9.2	GB4789. 3 MPN
Mildew (CFU/g) & Yeasts ≤	100		GB4789. 15
Staphylococcus Aureus	0/25g		GB4789.10
Salmonellas	0/25g		GB4789.4
^a Not applicable to those whose final products contain active bacteria (including aerobic probiotics and facultative anaerobic probiotics).			

3.7 Food additives and nutrition enhancers

3.7.1 Use of food additives shall comply with the provisions of GB 2760 below.

3.7.2 Use of nutrition enhancers shall comply with the provisions of GB 14880 and/or other applicable regulations.

4 Load Difference or Weight Difference

Load difference or weight difference shall comply with the provisions of the Pharmacopoeia.

5 Labeling

Labeling shall comply with the applicable national standards and/or applicable regulations.

END TRANSLATION